

BEDFORD BASIN YACHT CLUB



Saturday, June 24 – Sunday, June 25, 2023
Organizing Authority: Bedford Basin Yacht Club
Location: Bedford, Nova Scotia, Canada

BBYC OPENING REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024](#) (RRS 2021-2024), the prescriptions of [Sail Canada](#), the Notice of Race (the “NOR”), and the BBYC WNR Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All aspects of the BBYC bylaws and policies thereunder shall apply
- 1.3. Boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their Sail Nova Scotia Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (“PHRF”) certificate and safety equipment in accordance with [Transport Canada Regulations](#).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is the south facing windows on the lower level of the BBYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the skippers’ meeting on the day they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race hut windows located above the BBYC lower front deck. If a postponement is signalled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.



5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The regatta will be held on Saturday June 18, and Sunday June 19.
- 5.2. The races shall consist of the following classes; PHRF A, PHRF B, and any one design class that meets the minimum number of registrants. A member of five boats must be registered to comprise a class and receive a separate start.
- 5.3. Up to 6 races are scheduled for all fleets
- 5.4. Race Schedule is as follows:

RACE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 23

6:30 - 8:00 pm Registration

Saturday, June 24

10:00am - 11:30am Registration

11:45am Skipper's Meeting

1:00pm Warning signal

5:30pm Results & BBQ for purchase

Sunday, June 25

12:00pm First start warning signal

4:30pm Awards (dependent on race completion time)

6. CLASSES

- 6.1. RC will place boats into the following classes based on handicap or fleet. The RC reserves the right to adjust as necessary: a) Spin classes b) White sail classes c) One design Classes

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are:

A Class - Red

B Class - Yellow

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1. Official notices will be posted on the window on the lower deck of the clubhouse.
- 8.2. On the water, the race committee will be communicating on **VHF radio channel 71** and may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on starts.
- 8.3. The following communications may be made by the RC on VHF channel 71.
 - Courses to be sailed
 - Times to class starts
 - Recalls
 - Changes to the course
 - Relevant traffic information



8.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions relevant to the races and shall not receive voice or data communication relevant to the races that is not available to all boats.

9. RACE AREA & COURSES

9.1. All classes will sail courses in the Bedford Basin and Halifax Harbour.

9.2. All starts will be from the BBYC club start line.

9.3. Courses for the Opening Regatta may consist of a combination of windward-leeward and around-the-buoy courses using marks as laid out in the BBYC Course Card and/or courses in the SIs.

9.4. The courses for all fleets will be indicated on the course board displayed on a white board at the end of the BBYC North jetty as well as broadcast over VHF 71 by the RC.

9.5. The course will consist of a list of marks and the side to which they are to be left, “P” for port and “S” for starboard.

9.6. Prior to the warning signal, the Race Officer will announce the course(s) to be sailed on VHF channel 71.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE

9.1 The race committee may change all legs of a course after a rounding mark by a radio transmission on VHF Channel 71.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes RRS 2021-2024 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for incidents outside the zone.

12. SCORING

12.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

A) When five races or less have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

B) When 6 races have been completed per series, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding 1 worst score.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1. For all classes, the Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 2 hours and the Finishing Window is 45 minutes.



13.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class based on total points from the races sailed.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.2. Hearing request forms are available from race committee.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17. INSURANCE

All yachts carry and have available for inspection proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance.

18. CONTACT

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Note: BBYC will make every effort to accommodate visiting yachts on its marina system. Vessels will be accommodated on a first come first served basis. BBYC has a mooring field available as well.

